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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Cheshire writing in opposition to school regionalization (SB454, SB738, and SB874). I am 28 years old and am very proud to have gone through the Cheshire school system. I have received an excellent education that I feel has set me up for success. I am now a homeowner and tax payer in the town of Cheshire and have a son who will go through school system. One of the best things Cheshire has offer is its top notch school system. I feel this unique school system would be lost with regionalization.

With regionalization there would be larger schools with less teachers. To me this sounds like a recipe for failure. We moved to Cheshire and pay Cheshire taxes for Cheshire schools, not for regional schools. These proposed bills would be disastrous for the community and the state at large. People would care less which town they lived in if all the children went to a region school and property values would plummet. You would see more residents leave the state and further the perpetual decline we are in.

We love our schools the way they are in Cheshire. We shouldn't be penalized or miss out on grants for not regionalizing. Let us keep some of the good things that make us happy to live in this state and don't strip them away like everything else we are losing daily.

Respectfully,

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